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For: **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR ALTERING
NEURAL TISSUE FUNCTION**

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RESPONSE

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 29, 2000, please amend the
above identified application as follows:

REMARKS

Claims 9-40 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of double
patenting over claims 1-6 of U.S. patent No. 5,983,141. In order to expedite prosecution
of the application submitted herewith is a Terminal Disclaimer.